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MAJOR LEGISLATIVE ACTIONS

[83d Congress]

GOVERNMENTAL REORGANIZATION

[FIRST SESSION]

Bill Number	Description	Public Law Number
H. R. 1979	Amends Reorganization Act of 1949 by extending authority of the President to submit new plans up to April 1, 1955	3
S. 243	Provides for new position of Under Secretary of State for Administration to be terminated December 31, 1954	2
H. Doc. 102	Reorganization Plan No. 1 of 1953. Creates Department of Health, Education, and Welfare to which is transferred all the functions, agencies, property, personnel, records, and funds of the Federal Security Agency, which is abolished. Provides for Under Secretary and two Assistant Secretaries, and for Presidential appointment of Surgeon General of U. S. Public Health Service, Commissioner of Education, and Commissioner of Social Security. Creates Advisory Committee on Education, and provides for appointment of a special assistant to the Secretary, from the field of medicine, with responsibility for reviewing health and medical programs.	Plan No. 1 became effective April 11, 1953.
H. J. Res. 223	Makes Reorganization Plan No. 1 (above) effective 10 days after signature by President	13
H. Doc. 111	Reorganization Plan No. 2 of 1953. To simplify operation of the Department of Agriculture, bring its programs close to State and local levels, and adapt administration to regional, State, and local conditions. Vests in the Secretary of Agriculture, with certain exceptions, all functions of all other officers, agencies, and employees of the Department, and authorizes him to delegate same. Provides for two additional Assistant Secretaries, and an Administrative Assistant.	Plan No. 2 became effective June 3, 1953.[1]

[1] S. Res. 100 disapproving Plan No. 2 rejected in Senate 5/27/53 by 29 Yeas to 46 Nays. H. Res. 236 rejected in House 6/3/53 by 128 Yeas to 261 Nays.

GOVERNMENTAL REORGANIZATION—Continued

[FIRST SESSION]

Bill Number	Description	Public Law Number
H. Doc. 120	Reorganization Plan No. 3 of 1953. Establishes in Executive Office of the President as new agency the Office of Defense Mobilization. Provides for a Director, at $22,500 a year, and Deputy Director at $17,500. Transfers to the Director all functions except those abolished, of the Chairman of the National Security Resources Board; all functions under the Strategic and Critical Materials Stockpiling Act, including those of the Munitions Board. Abolishes National Security Resources Board. Transfers to the new agency such records, property, personnel, and funds appropriate to its functions.	Plan No. 3 became effective June 11, 1953.
H. Doc. 130	Reorganization Plan No. 4 of 1953. To promote best utilization of top officers of Department of Justice and most effective conduct of its business. Provides that the Deputy Attorney General, instead of the Solicitor General, shall act as the administrative head of the Department when the Attorney General is absent or disabled or that office is vacant. Authorizes Attorney General to prescribe the order of succession of his Assistants under those circumstances. Abolishes the Office of Assistant Attorney General in charge of Customs; provides for appointment, instead, of an Assistant Attorney General.	Plan No. 4 became effective June 20, 1953.
H. Doc. 135	Reorganization Plan No. 5 of 1953. To strengthen administration of the Export-Import Bank. Puts the agency under a single Managing Director instead of a Board of Directors. Provides for appointment of a Deputy Director and an Assistant Director.	Plan No. 5 became effective June 30, 1953.

GOVERNMENTAL REORGANIZATION—Continued

[FIRST SESSION]

Bill Number	Description	Public Law Number
H. Doc. 136	Reorganization Plan No. 6 of 1953. To clarify lines of authority within the Department of Defense; attain effectiveness with economy; and to improve the machinery for strategic planning for national security by strengthening civilian control over military. Provides for six new Assistant Secretaries of Defense, making a total of eleven, and a General Counsel. Abolishes the Munitions Board, the Research and Development Board, the Defense Supply Management Agency, and the Director of Installations, transferring their functions to the Secretary of Defense. Authorizes him to delegate these functions to assistants. Makes Joint Chiefs of Staff advisory to the Secretary; transfers its administrative duties to the Joint Staff. Makes selection of the Director of the Joint Staff by the Joint Chiefs of Staff subject to approval of the Secretary of Defense. Makes selection of members of the Joint Staff by the Joint Chiefs of Staff subject to approval of the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. Provides for direct line of command from Secretary of Defense to the Secretaries of the Army, Navy, and Air Force and through the latter to the top military and civilian officials of each service.	Plan No. 6 became effective June 30, 1953.[1]
H. Doc. 157	Reorganization Plan No. 7 of 1953. To centralize and coordinate foreign assistance and related economic operations now scattered through various agencies. Establishes the Foreign Operations Administration, under a Director at $22,500 a year, subject to Senate confirmation; a Deputy Director at $17,500, and six assistants, two at $16,000 and four at $15,000 a year each. The new agency to administer the Mutual Security and Technical Cooperation (Point 4) programs. Abolishes the Mutual Security Agency and transfers the Technical Cooperation Administration in the State Department to FOA. Also transfers to FOA the Institute of Inter-American Affairs and the responsibility for administering the Act for International Development; assistance to private foreign relief organizations; programs to aid escapees from behind the Iron Curtain; United States participation in the UN's International Children's Emergency Fund, and Korean Reconstruction Agency, and in the Intergovernmental Committee for European Migration.	Plan No. 7 became effective August 1, 1953.[2]

[1] H. Res. 295 disapproving Plan No. 6 rejected by House 6/27/53 by vote of 108 Yeas to 235 Nays.
[2] H. Res. 261 disapproving Plan No. 7 rejected by House 7/17/53 by voice vote.

GOVERNMENTAL REORGANIZATION—Continued

[FIRST SESSION]

Bill Number	Description	Public Law Number
H. Doc. 158	Reorganization Plan No. 8 of 1953. Establishes a new agency, the United States Information Agency. Transfers to it the functions of the International Information Administration, the information functions of the Technical Cooperation Administration and the Mutual Security Agency, and similar programs in connection with occupied areas. Puts Administration under a Director at $17,500 a year and a Deputy Director at $16,000. It will be subject to policy guidance of the Secretary of State.	Plans No. 8, 9, and 10, became effective August 1, 1953.[1]
H. Doc. 159	Reorganization Plan No. 9 of 1953. Reconstitutes the Council of Economic Advisers, created under the Employment Act of 1946. Provides for a chairman and two members, with the Chairman responsible for administration of the staff, and to the President. Establishes an Advisory Board on Economic Growth and Stability composed of representatives from other departments of the Executive branch.	
H. Doc. 160	Reorganization Plan No. 10 of 1953. Separates payment of subsidy to airlines from cost of airmail transportation. Puts responsibility for payment of subsidy in Civil Aeronautics Board which also determines the amount of subsidy. Leaves in Post Office Department responsibility for payment of transportation costs of mail. Provides for transfer to CAB of such personnel, funds, records, etc., as required to carry out the plan.	

[1] H. Res. 262 disapproving Plan No. 8 rejected by House 7/17/53 by vote of 11 Yeas to 310 Nays. H. Res. 263 and 264 disapproving Plans 9 and 10 were not called up.

GOVERNMENTAL REORGANIZATION—Continued

[FIRST SESSION]

Bill Number	Description	Public Law Number
S. 2417	Creates Commission on Judicial and Congressional Salaries	220
H. R. 5302	Provides for an additional Assistant Postmaster General for personnel	140
H. R. 4654	Excludes top department and agency officials from provisions of law permitting lump-sum leave payments	102
H. R. 1070	Makes Court of Claims a Constitutional Court and authorizes service of U. S. District and Circuit Courts Judges when needed	158
S. 106	Establishes a Commission on Organization of the Executive Branch for continuing study to eliminate nonessential activities and promote efficiency and economy	108
S. 1514	Establishes a Commission on Government Functions and Fiscal Resources to plan for elimination of duplication or conflict between Federal and State governments in taxation and administration	109
H. R. 6281	Requires Government departments to reimburse Post Office Department for amount of free mailing	286
H. R. 6382	Extends until June 30, 1954, period during which General Services Administration may dispose of surplus property by negotiated sales	245
	(NOTE.—See p. 15 (P. L. 163) on creation of Small Business Administration.)	

[SECOND SESSION]

[Key—R=Reported or ordered reported P=Passed]

Bill Number	Description	House		Senate		In conference	Public Law No.
		R	P	R	P		
S. 15	Provides for appointment of additional District and Circuit judges	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
H. R. 3575	Grants statehood to Hawaii	✓	✓				
H. R. 2982	Grants statehood to Alaska	✓					

GOVERNMENTAL REORGANIZATION—Continued

[SECOND SESSION]

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Bill Number	Description	House		Senate		In conference	Public Law No.
		R	P	R	P		
H. R. 215	Provides for delegate to Congress from the District of Columbia						
S. 697		(1)		✓	✓		
S. 999	Provides for elected Mayor, City Council, School Board, and nonvoting delegate to House of Representatives from District of Columbia			✓			
S. 833	Creates a Congressional Joint Committee on the Budget			✓	✓		
S. Con. Res. 8	Provides for a consolidated general appropriation bill and for item-veto power for President			✓	✓		
S. Res. 20	Amends Senate rules by permitting cloture by vote of two-thirds of Senators present on petition signed by 16 members			✓			
S. 1163	Increases salaries of Judges, District Attorneys and members of Congress			✓			
H. R. 6342	Authorizes acquisition of ground and construction thereon by Administrator of General Services; extends authority of Postmaster General to lease post-office sites	✓	✓				
S. 2457				✓			
H. R. 303	Transfers health and hospital services for Indians from Bureau of Indian Affairs to Public Health Service	✓					

[1] Tabled in House D. C. Committee 7/23/53.

VETERANS AND SERVICEMEN

[FIRST SESSION]

Bill Number	Description	Public Law Number
H. R. 2332	Requires review of military personnel designed to limit number of officers in Armed Forces	7
S. 1188	Extends to July 1, 1955, authorization for payment of family allowances to dependents of enlisted members of Armed Forces	8
S. 1229	Extends to July 1, 1954, continuance of pay or allotments to dependents of servicemen or civilians missing in war	16
H. R. 2466	Continues to June 30, 1955, free postage on first-class mail for members of Armed Forces in Korea and extends it to veterans hospitalized outside the United States as result of duty in Korea	9
H. R. 2561	Extends time for military personnel or civilian employees of Defense Department to file claims for loss, damage, etc., of personal property incident to war service	177
H. R. 3658	Extends for 2 years, from July 1, 1953, privilege of duty-free importation of gifts from members of Armed Forces serving abroad	19
H. R. 4233	Expedites naturalization of aliens who serve with Armed Forces between June 24, 1950, and July 1, 1955	86
S. 1993	Extends for 1 year, to June 30, 1954, authority of Veterans Administration to make direct housing loans, increases funds for this purpose, and permits higher interest rates	101
S. 1376	Extends to veterans who serve in Korea same preference in occupancy of public housing units as other veterans	98
S. 1684	Facilitates appointments of persons who lost civil service opportunities due to service in Armed Forces after June 30, 1950	121
H. R. 5636	Provides that all types of tuberculosis causing 10 percent or more disability within 3 years of separation from service shall be presumed service-connected	241
H. R. 5705	Provides for automatic renewal of Government and National Service life insurance	148

VETERANS AND SERVICEMEN—Continued

[FIRST SESSION]

Bill Number	Description	Public Law Number
H. R. 4152	Extends to January 1, 1955, present income tax exemption for members of Armed Forces who serve in combat zone or are hospitalized through such service	213
H. R. 6185	Defines preferential status of disabled veterans in Federal employment	271
H. R. 4151	Extends for 18 months social security wage credits for certain military service, provides for lump-sum death benefits for certain military personnel	269
S. 2315	Transfers from Alien Property Custodian and appropriates to War Claims Commission $75 million for payments to World War II veterans who suffered forced labor as prisoners	211
H. R. 6039	Provides coverage of R. O. T. C. members under Servicemen's Indemnity Act of 1951	244

[SECOND SESSION]

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Bill Number	Description	House		Senate		In conference	Public Law No.
		R	P	R	P		
H. R. 2984	Prohibits reduction of disability rating in effect for 20 years or more	✓	✓				
S. 2276	Authorizes continuance to July 1, 1954, of information and education program for personnel of Army and Air Force			✓	✓		

NATIONAL DEFENSE AND INTERNAL SECURITY

[FIRST SESSION]

Bill Number	Description	Public Law Number
S. 1081	Amends Defense Production Act by extending for 1 year authority of President to fix allocation and priorities for defense materials, grant defense loans and subsidies	95
H. R. 2557	Extends to July 1, 1954, Title II of First War Powers Act giving the President authority to expedite defense contracts	97
H. J. Res. 226	Extends to July 1, 1953, from April 1, 1953, the continuation during present emergency of certain statutory World War II powers of the President	12
H. J. Res. 285	Further extension of above for one month	96
H. R. 3853	Continues in effect, until 6 months after termination of national emergency, provisions of the criminal code fixing penalties for espionage and sabotage	99
S. 1995	Authorizes Department of Defense to stockpile machine tools, and extends to July 1954 its authority to expand productive capacity of industrial facilities in emergency	130
S. 2491	Authorizes $490.1 million military public works program in United States and at overseas bases	209
S. Res. 143	Authorizes study of supplies of critical raw materials available to United States in war time	(Adopted–House action not required)
S. 2399	Amends Atomic Energy Act to fix number and salaries of division heads, tighten security regulations	164
H. R. 2564	Applies to Panama Canal Zone provisions of law against interference with or damage to U. S. communications system	192
S. 1110	Authorizes appointment of Deputy Director of Central Intelligence Agency	15
S. 41	Strengthens provisions of Espionage Act, permits seizure of unlawful exports of arms including atomic energy materials and other strategic goods	264

NATIONAL DEFENSE AND INTERNAL SECURITY—Continued

[FIRST SESSION]

Bill Number	Description	Public Law Number
S. Res. 16	Requires loyalty check of Senate employees	(Adopted—House action not required)
H. R. 4495	Extends to July 1, 1955, authority to draft doctors, dentists, and other specialists	84
S. 1448	Continues to 6 months after end of national emergency present provisions restricting photographs and sketches of military installations	46
H. R. 6441	Facilitates private financing of new ship construction for Merchant Marine by Government insurance of mortgages	288
H. R. 2347	Extends to 6 months after termination of emergency, powers of Interstate Commerce Commission to fix priorities in transportation	89
S. 1981	Similar extension applied to authority of ICC over military traffic	169

[SECOND SESSION]

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Bill Number	Description	House		Senate		In conference	Public Law No.
		R	P	R	P		
H. R. 6287	Extends to December 31, 1954, authority of Government to renegotiate defense contracts	✓	✓	✓			
H. R. 2322	Authorizes construction of research facilities by National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics						
S. 1805				✓	✓		
S. 903	Prohibits interstate transportation of lethal munitions except when movement is arranged by the United States			✓	✓		
S. 3	Prevents employment by United Nations of United States citizens of doubtful loyalty			✓	✓		
S. 16	Authorizes Congressional committees to grant immunity to witnesses under certain conditions			✓	✓		
H. R. 6353	Amends Merchant Marine Act to provide for national defense reserve of tankers and to promote construction of new tankers	✓					
S. 2408				✓	✓		

NATIONAL DEFENSE AND INTERNAL SECURITY—Continued

[SECOND SESSION]

[Key—R=Reported or ordered reported P=Passed]

Bill Number	Description	House		Senate		In conference	Public Law No.
		R	P	R	P		
H. R. 6573	Provides for determination of number of Reserve officers in active service required for planned mobilization	✓	✓				
S. J. Res. 63	Authorizes District of Columbia to enter into interstate civil-defense compacts			✓	✓		
H. R. 2274	Facilitates Federal support for Civil Air Patrol as auxiliary arm of the Air Force	✓	✓				

NATIONAL ECONOMY

[FIRST SESSION]

Bill Number	Description	Public Law Number
H. R. 4507	Ended rent control July 31, 1953, except in critical defense areas where it continues to April 30, 1954	23
H. R. 5898	Extends excess profits tax for 6 months, to December 31, 1953	125
H. R. 5141	Creates Small Business Administration to take over lending functions of Reconstruction Finance Corporation in this field, and consolidate other activities in behalf of small business; abolishes RFC as of June 30, 1954	163
H. R. 5728	Authorizes disposal of 29 Government-owned synthetic rubber plants; provides for commission appointed by President to negotiate sale and report to Congress by January 31, 1955	205
H. R. 6426	Continues to June 30, 1954, present method of taxing life-insurance companies; allows tax-amortization for construction of grain-storage facilities; makes other technical amendments to Internal Revenue Code	287
H. R. 157	Exempts motion picture theaters from admission tax	VETOED
H. R. 2313	Continues for duration of emergency authority of Government to inspect plants, books, and records of defense contractors	93
S. Res. 49	Authorizes study by Senate Post Office and Civil Service Committee of postal rates and revenues	(Adopted—House action not required)
S. 719	Extends to June 30, 1954, permission for Canadian vessels to carry passengers between Alaskan ports and passengers or freight between certain Alaskan ports and United States	124
H. R. 4004	Provides for listing of stockholders of national banks with Comptroller of Currency upon request in lieu of annual filing	28
H. R. 4605	Authorizes increase of $20 million for construction of buildings in Federal Reserve System	45

NATIONAL ECONOMY—Continued

[FIRST SESSION]

Bill Number	Description	Public Law Number
S. 2383	Grants Federal consent to New York-New Jersey interstate compact regulating port facilities to prevent racketeering	252
H. R. 5069	Bars flammable fabrics from interstate commerce	88
H. Res. 126	Authorizes investigation of newsprint market	(Adopted—Senate action not required)
H. Res. 217	Creates committee to study tax-exempt foundations	(Adopted—Senate action not required)
S. 1442	Fixes jurisdiction of Federal Power Commission over transmission or sale of electric energy to foreign countries	210

[SECOND SESSION]

[Key—R=Reported or ordered reported P=Passed]

Bill Number	Description	House		Senate		In conference	Public Law No.
		R	P	R	P		
H. R. 6672	Raises legal limit of national debt by $15 billion to $290 billion	✓	✓	(1)			
H. R. 5173	Provides for return to the States of all Federal unemployment tax collections in excess of amount sufficient to pay administrative costs and to maintain a $200 million reserve	✓	✓				
S. J. Res. 3	Proposes constitutional amendment to prevent seizure of private property by the President without consent of Congress			✓	✓		
H. R. 1825	Prescribes policy and procedures in construction contracts made by Executive agencies	✓					
S. 848				✓			
S. 978	Revises and simplifies procedures of Interstate Commerce Commission to facilitate and expedite termination of railroad reorganizations under section 77 of Bankruptcy Act			✓			
S. 275	Amends Transportation Act of 1940 to protect the industry from terrorism, extortion, racketeering and similar unlawful business tactics			✓	✓		

[1] Senate Finance Committee voted 8/1/53 to defer action.

NATIONAL ECONOMY—Continued

[SECOND SESSION]

[Key—R=Reported or ordered reported P=Passed]

Bill Number	Description	House		Senate		In conference	Public Law No.
		R	P	R	P		
S. Res. 14	Authorizes Senate Judiciary Committee to make comprehensive study of antitrust laws			(1) ✓			
H. R. 2237	Increases fines for criminal convictions under Sherman Anti-Trust Act to $50,000, from $5,000	✓	✓				
S. 984	Provides for judicial review of decisions of United States Tax Court after January 1, 1954, respecting base period determinations arising under World War II excess profits tax			✓	✓		
S. 252	Permits all suits against United States for recovery of taxes to be brought in United States district courts with trial by jury	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
S. 30	Provides for jury trials in condemnation proceedings in United States courts			✓	✓		
H. R. 2566	Fixes time for filing claims under Contract Settlement Act of 1944 by war contractors	✓	✓				
S. 24	Permits judicial review of decisions of Government contracting officers, except in cases where fraud is alleged			✓	✓		
H. R. 3203	Restricts Interstate Commerce Commission control over duration of motor-carrier contracts	✓	✓				
H. R. 5407	Permits whiskey to be held in bond 12 years instead of 8, before payment of tax	✓	✓	(2)			
S. 1461	Expedites Interstate Commerce Commission procedure on applications for rate increases by railroads and oil-carriers			✓			
S. 1396	Provides for regulation of radio and television broadcasts of professional baseball games			✓			
H. R. 116	Prohibits transportation of fireworks into any State in which their sale is banned	✓	✓	✓			

[1] Reported by Judiciary Committee, referred to Rules and Administration Committee.
[2] Senate Finance Committee voted 7/15/53 to postpone action indefinitely.

NATIONAL ECONOMY—Continued

[SECOND SESSION]

[Key—R=Reported or ordered reported P=Passed]

Bill Number	Description	House		Senate		In conference	Public Law No.
		R	P	R	P		
S. 2314	Prohibits transmission of certain gambling information via interstate communications facilities			✓			
H. R. 4557	Authorizes Federal Communications Commission to waive requirement of permit for construction of radio stations	✓	✓	✓			
H. R. 3792	Authorizes Interstate Commerce Commission to revoke or amend water-carrier certificates under certain conditions	✓	✓				
S. 281	Extends power of ICC to authorize discontinuance of intrastate railroad services			✓			

NATURAL RESOURCES

[FIRST SESSION]

Bill Number	Description	Public Law Number
H. R. 4198	Confirms and establishes titles of the States to submerged lands and resources within their historic boundaries (3-mile limit, except Texas, Louisiana, and Florida Gulf, 10½ miles)	31
H. R. 5134	Confirms and establishes title of Federal Government, and its right to develop resources, in submerged lands (Continental Shelf) seaward of historic boundaries of the States	212
S. 2097	Authorizes increase of $13 million in appropriations for Eklutna hydroelectric power project in Alaska	260
H. R. 2824	Encourages discovery and development of sources of tungsten ores and concentrates	206
H. R. 4025	Authorizes additional appropriation of $75 million for construction of dams in Columbia River Basin by Army engineers	75
S. 261	Gives Federal consent to Connecticut River Flood Control compact	52
S. 117	Provides apportionment to local governments of funds received by United States for lands acquired for flood control purposes	60
S. 1397	Validates uranium-mining claims on public lands leased for oil-gas purposes	250
S. 2094	Facilitates development of water conservation facilities by State and local governments by exemption from certain provisions of the Federal Power Act	278
H. R. 5603	Authorizes national banking associations to make loans on forest tracts	285
S. 1197	Grants Federal consent to water compact between Nebraska, Wyoming, and South Dakota	191
H. J. Res. 268	Grants Federal consent to Virginia-Kentucky compact for establishment of a bi-State park	275

NATURAL RESOURCES—Continued

[SECOND SESSION]

[Key—R=Reported or ordered reported P=Passed]

Bill Number	Description	House		Senate		In conference	Public Law No.
		R	P	R	P		
H. J. Res. 104	Authorizes U. S. participation with Canada in development of St. Lawrence seaway						
S. 2150				✓			
H. R. 1816	Repeals obsolete laws on sale of timber and stone on public lands	✓	✓				
H. R. 3915	Permits mining, development, and utilization of mineral resources of all public lands withdrawn or reserved for power development	✓	✓				
H. R. 335	Amends mineral leasing laws to eliminate waiver of rentals for oil and gas leases	✓					
H. R. 270	Authorizes appropriation of $500,000 for control and extinguishment of fires in coal formations	✓	✓				
H. R. 2512	Extends privilege of buying certain public lands to business associations, corporations, States, and local governments	✓	✓				
H. R. 4351	Authorizes construction of additional power facilities on Niagara River	✓	✓				
S. 689							
S. 2320	Changes date for beginning of annual assessment work on mining claims from July 1 to October 1	✓		✓	✓		
H. R. 4551	Requires Secretary of Interior to obtain congressional approval for reclamation projects	✓					
H. R. 4646	Fixes conditions for Federal acquisition of forest land operated on a sustained-yield basis for timber	✓					
H. R. 5358	Restricts surface rights of mining claims in national forests to prevent waste of timber	✓					
H. R. 5976	Defines jurisdiction of Federal Power Commission over companies engaged in local distribution of natural gas	✓	✓	✓			
H. R. 5731	Authorizes construction by Secretary of Interior of $24 million dam on Santa Margarita River, California	✓	✓				

INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

[FIRST SESSION]

Bill Number	Description	Public Law Number
H. R. 5710	Extends Mutual Security Act and authorizes $5 billion foreign aid program for fiscal 1954	118
H. R. 5495	Extends Reciprocal Trade Agreements Act to June 12, 1954, creates commission to study foreign economic policy	215
H. J. Res. 228	Permits entry into United States of 500 children adopted by American citizens abroad	162
H. R. 6481	Provides for admission of 214,000 refugees in next 3 years and 5 months	203
S. 1739	Extends to June 30, 1954, President's authority to control exports	62
H. R. 5877	Simplifies customs laws, practices, and procedures to facilitate flow of goods in international commerce	243
S. 2112	Makes grant of one (1) million tons of wheat to Pakistan	77
S. 2249	Authorizes the President until June 30, 1955, to make $100 million of crop surpluses available to meet famine and other urgent relief needs of friendly people abroad	216
H. R. 568	Continues through June 30, 1954, suspension of certain import taxes on copper	4
H. R. 5148	Continues to June 30, 1954, the suspension of import duties and taxes on metal scrap, except lead and zinc	221
H. R. 4465	Provides insurance for goods shipped abroad by American nationals, by amending Export-Import Act of 1945	30
S. Res. 84	Denounces mistreatment of minority groups by Soviet Russia and satellites and urges President to protest in United Nations	(Adopted—House action not required)
S. Con. Res. 12	Voices sympathy of Congress for victims of European flood	(Adopted)
H. R. 3659	Extends to July 1, 1955, period during which personal and household goods brought into United States under Government orders shall be exempt from duty	20

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[FIRST SESSION]

Bill Number	Description	Public Law Number
S. J. Res. 6	Provides for continuance of civil government of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands	229
S. Res. 25	Authorizes investigation of means of expanding foreign investment and trade	(Adopted—House action not required)
S. 694	Prohibits flying of United States flag subordinate to any other	107
S. Con. Res. 36	Expresses sympathy of the Congress with the people behind the Iron Curtain in their struggle against Communist tyranny; urges the right of East Germans to freedom and unity with West Germany; and denounces religious and political persecutions	(Adopted)
S. Res. 126	Authorizes study of proposed changes in United Nations Charter	(Adopted—House action not required)
S. 2277	Authorizes loan of 25 small naval vessels to any friendly nation in Far Eastern area, 2 submarines to Italy, and small aircraft carrier to France	188
S. 2539	Authorizes loan of 2 submarines to Turkey	214
S. 498	Provides for agreement with Mexico for joint operation of Nogales sanitation project	150
S. Res. 150	Favors international agreements for limitation of armaments and atomic energy production, with adequate inspection system	(Adopted—House action not required)
H. Res. 346	Creates select committee to investigate circumstances of incorporation of Lithuania, Latvia, and Estonia into U. S. S. R.	(Adopted—Senate action not required)
H. R. 5742	Extends to December 31, 1954, term of International Claims Commission for settlement of claims against Yugoslavia and Panama for nationalized property	242

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[SECOND SESSION]

[Key—R=Reported or ordered reported P=Passed]

Bill Number	Description	House		Senate		In conference	Public Law No.
		R	P	R	P		
H. R. 5894	Provides additional safeguards to domestic producers and workers under the reciprocal trade program by restricting certain imports	✓	(1)				
S. 2475	Provides for sale of surplus agricultural commodities, through private trade channels, to nations cooperating under Mutual Security Act			✓	✓		
H. R. 4364	Provides for settlement of claims for damages caused by United States Armed Forces abroad	✓	✓				
H. R. 6584	Redefines formulae for determining value of imported goods for duty purposes; revises procedures for conversion of foreign currency	✓	✓				
S. 1766	Creates new independent Office of Commissioner of Refugees			✓	✓		
H. R. 5334	Suspends for 1 year certain import duties on aluminum and aluminum alloys	✓					
H. R. 222	Suspends for 2 years import duties on crude bauxite	✓	✓				
H. J. Res. 200	Joins with the President in a declaration against Soviet Russia's subjugation of free peoples through perversion of its wartime agreements with United States and other allies	✓					
S. J. Res. 1	Proposes constitutional amendment to prohibit treaty provisions which violate any constitutional right; requires action of Congress to validate treaties as internal law; similarly limits Executive or other agreements with foreign powers			✓			
S. J. Res. 78	Establishes a Commission on foreign economic policy			✓	✓	(2)	
S. J. Res. 96	Establishes an International Commission on Telecommunications	✓		✓	✓		
H. Con. Res. 129	Expresses the sense of the Congress that Chinese Communists are not entitled, and should not be recognized, to represent China in the United Nations	✓	(3)				

[1] Recommitted 7/23/53 by vote of 242 yeas to 161 nays.
[2] Substance embodied in P. L. 215.
[3] Embodied as rider to State Department appropriation, P. L. 195.

AGRICULTURE

[FIRST SESSION]

Bill Number	Description	Public Law Number
H. R. 6054	Authorizes emergency loans to farmers and cattlemen in drought areas and provides for expediting supplies of feed and seed	115
S. J. Res. 97	Revises and extends to July 31, 1956, the International Wheat Agreement	180
H. R. 3480	Extends for 1 year to December 31, 1954, the period during which Secretary of Labor is authorized to make available Mexican agricultural workers to United States producers	237
H. R. 4353	Creates a Federal Farm Credit Board, and reorganizes Farm Credit Administration	202
H. R. 5451	Changes wheat marketing quota provisions of Agricultural Act by reducing planting from 78 million acres to a minimum of 62 million acres	117
S. 1679	Requires coordination of all authorizations for Agricultural Extension Service; consolidates and codifies numerous acts	83
S. 1367	Provides for expansion of Federal Crop Insurance program to additional counties	261
S. 2055	Provides for control and eradication of scrapie and bluetongue in sheep	227
S. 1152	Extends for 5 years authority of Secretary of Agriculture to make loans to fur farmers	255

[SECOND SESSION]

[Key—R = Reported or ordered reported P = Passed]

Bill Number	Description	House		Senate		In conference	Public Law No.
		R	P	R	P		
H. R. 1432	Provides for 90 percent price support for 1952 Maryland tobacco crop	✓	(1)				
S. 25	Amends Bankruptcy Act by granting relief to farmer-debtors			✓	✓		

[1] Failed of passage 4/24/53 by vote of 110 yeas to 212 nays.

AGRICULTURE—Continued

[SECOND SESSION]

[Key—R=Reported or ordered reported P=Passed]

Bill Number	Description	House		Senate		In conference	Public Law No.
		R	P	R	P		
H. R. 4158	Extends to 1958 authority of Secretary of Agriculture to make loans to orchardists	✓	✓				
H. R. 6186	Establishes grazing rights on public lands	✓					
S. 1491							
H. R. 6665	Sets national minimum planting of cotton at 22.5 million acres; changes marketing quotas and acreage allotments so that no State's acreage is reduced more than 29½ percent	✓	✓				
S. 1276	Authorizes increase in interest rates on loans under Bankhead-Jones Farm Tenant Act			✓	✓		
H. R. 3895	Gives Secretary of Agriculture discretionary authority to support price of potatoes	✓					
H. J. Res. 321	Postpones proclamation on need for corn quotas from November 15, 1953, to February 1, 1954	✓	✓				
H. R. 6435	Brings futures trading in onions under regulations of Commodities Exchange Authority	✓					

SOCIAL SECURITY, HEALTH, AND WELFARE

[FIRST SESSION]

Bill Number	Description	Public Law Number
H. R. 5667	Extends and revises principal provisions of the National Housing Act	94
S. J. Res. 27	Increases by $500,000,000 authorization of FHA to insure housing loans	5
S. 2199	Authorizes distribution of Federal surplus equipment and supplies to disaster victims by State and local governments	134
S. 967	Authorizes continuance for 2 years of Federal aid for hospital construction and survey	151
S. 1515	Grants Federal consent to compact between several States, Hawaii, and Alaska to establish the Western States Commission for Higher Education	226
H. R. 6049	Renews program of aid for school construction in districts affected by Federal activities	246
H. R. 6078	Renews program of aid for operating expenses of school districts affected by Federal activities	248
S. 285	Creates a national advisory committee to study public and private methods of weather control	256
H. Res. 243	Authorizes $100,000 appropriation for comprehensive study of social security system	(Adopted—Senate action not required)
S. Res. 89	Authorizes study of juvenile delinquency	(Adopted—House action not required)
H. R. 5303	Provides unemployment insurance coverage for seamen on vessels owned, operated, or chartered by Federal Government	196
H. Res. 296	Authorizes investigation of all claims arising out of Texas City, Tex., explosions of April 16–17, 1947	(Adopted—Senate action not required)
H. R. 5740	Authorizes Food and Drug Administration to inspect factories without consent of owners	217
H. Con. Res. 108	Expressing sense of the Congress that certain tribes of Indians should be freed of Government supervision	(Adopted)

SOCIAL SECURITY, HEALTH, AND WELFARE—Continued

[SECOND SESSION]

[Key—R=Reported or ordered reported P=Passed]

Bill Number	Description	House		Senate		In conference	Public Law No.
		R	P	R	P		
S. 799	Makes benefits of Defense Housing and Community Facilities Act available to communities relocated as a result of acquisition of its former site by the Atomic Energy Commission			✓	✓		
S. J. Res. 71	Extends program of Government purchase of FHA mortgages to Guam; puts private lenders in Alaska on equal basis with Housing Authority in making FHA-insured loans			✓	✓		
H. R. 356	Permits individuals entitled to benefits under Railroad Retirement Act and Social Security to receive both	✓	✓				
S. 10	Prohibits transportation of obscene matter in interstate and foreign commerce			✓	✓		
S. 11	Amends Criminal Code to prohibit mailing of all obscene matter of any kind			✓	✓		
S. 39	Requires each State to give full faith and credit to divorce granted in another State, under certain conditions			✓	✓		
S. J. Res. 49	Proposes constitutional amendment to provide equal rights for women			✓	✓		
H. R. 5691	Requires annual report to Congress on all educational activities carried on by the Federal Government	✓	✓				
S. 539	Authorizes Interstate Commerce Commission to require installation of certain electronic communications system by railroads			✓	✓		
H. R. 2828	Ends Government supervision over Menominee Tribe of Indians by December 31, 1956	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	(1)
	(NOTE.—See Governmental Reorganizaton, p. 5, on creation of new Department of Health, Education, and Welfare.)						

[1] House disagreed to conference report.

TABLE OF APPROPRIATIONS, EIGHTY-SECOND CONGRESS, FIRST SESSION

Title	Budget Estimates	Amount as Passed (House)	Amount as Passed (Senate)	Amount as Enacted	P. L. No.
1951 Legislative Supplemental	$806, 155	$831, 155	$831, 155	$831, 155	7
1951 D. C. Supplemental*	55, 600	21, 250	21, 250	21, 250	11
1951 Third Supplemental	843, 463, 579	473, 165, 368	431, 127, 477	364, 932, 477	45
1951 Fourth Supplemental	6, 472, 981, 000	6, 468, 206, 000	6, 442, 668, 000	6, 442, 668, 000	43
1951 Legislative Supplemental	150, 000	150, 000	150, 000	150, 000	49
1952 Disaster Relief	15, 000, 000	25, 000, 000	25, 000, 000	25, 000, 000	80
1952 Flood Rehabilitation	400, 000, 000	53, 440, 000	53, 440, 000	53, 440, 000	202
1952 Labor Supplemental	950, 000	950, 000	950, 000	950, 000	113
1952 First Supplemental	2, 302, 871, 116	1, 586, 587, 316	1, 745, 383, 006	1, 676, 246, 976	253
Labor	244, 366, 500	233, 020, 500	233, 043, 112	222, 504, 944	134
Federal Security Agency	1, 874, 887, 260	1, 795, 185, 861	1, 732, 266, 865	1, 715, 027, 843	
Railroad Retirement [1]	613, 000, 000	613, 000, 000	562, 534, 409	574, 471, 483	
Interior	559, 286, 000	496, 764, 500	518, 065, 353	511, 841, 816	136
Treasury [2]	597, 251, 000	586, 100, 000	593, 294, 647	587, 598, 000	111
Post Office	2, 360, 874, 000	2, 332, 727, 000	2, 328, 223, 697	2, 340, 800, 000	
Independent Offices	6, 837, 677, 465	6, 144, 540, 355	6, 212, 199, 663	6, 162, 825, 175	137
Agriculture	820, 005, 546	717, 295, 233	826, 578, 130	802, 988, 626	135
District of Columbia [3]	140, 513, 150	137, 776, 375	138, 407, 290	138, 216, 150	106
Civil Functions, Army	640, 637, 843	514, 427, 400	638, 578, 213	597, 262, 713	203
Legislative	68, 953, 320	60, 335, 370	73, 820, 507	73, 805, 705	168
State	283, 686, 476	226, 357, 000	227, 877, 838	228, 104, 861	188
Justice	184, 356, 000	181, 567, 000	182, 137, 600	181, 602, 000	
Commerce	763, 763, 925	612, 098, 000	609, 500, 560	607, 242, 911	
Judiciary	26, 489, 740	25, 918, 115	25, 936, 865	25, 918, 115	
Mutual Security	7, 527, 527, 790	7, 482, 527, 790	7, 208, 401, 000	7, 328, 903, 976	249
National Defense	57, 577, 325, 700	56, 034, 717, 200	61, 103, 856, 030	56, 939, 568, 030	179
Second Supplemental (Military Construction)	5, 146, 495, 570	4, 425, 357, 970	4, 020, 198, 000	4, 146, 407, 108	254

[1] Includes National Labor Relations Board, $7,885,418; National Mediation Board, $1,092,243; Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service, $2,959,413.

[2] This bill also carries $6,116,000,000 in permanent appropriations, including $5,800,000,000 for interest on the national debt; also carries $5,619,642,290 in disbursements from the FSA trust funds for old-age benefits and unemployment insurance.

[3] Totals include Federal contribution of $11,400,000 in final amount; balance of D. C. budget is financed from local revenues.

*Payable from D. C. revenues.

NOTE: H. J. Res. 277, making temporary appropriations through July 31, enacted (P. L. 70); second temporary appropriation extension to August 31, H. J. Res. 302, passed House and Senate July 30 (P. L. 97). H. J. Res. 320, third temporary appropriation extension to September 30, 1951, passed House and Senate August 21, 1951 (P. L. 132). H. J. Res. 335, fourth temporary appropriation extension to October 31, 1951, passed House and Senate September 27 (P. L. 156).

TABLE OF APPROPRIATIONS, EIGHTY-SECOND CONGRESS, SECOND SESSION

Title	Budget Estimates	Amount as Passed (House)	Amount as Passed (Senate)	Amount as Enacted	P. L. No.
Treasury[1]	$693, 045, 000	$644, 765, 000	$645, 247, 000	$644, 095, 000	425
Post Office	2, 822, 100, 000	2, 793, 800, 000	2, 748, 800, 000	2, 793, 800, 000	
3d Supplemental, 1952	1, 069, 542, 625	968, 127, 943	976, 368, 838	971, 342, 641	375
4th Supplemental, 1952	1, 475, 420, 000	1, 413, 820, 000	1, 413, 820, 350	1, 413, 820, 350	431
Independent Offices	6, 978, 687, 043	6, 254, 215, 628	6, 279, 088, 678	6, 272, 836, 303	455
Labor[2]	228, 096, 100	210, 903, 539	211, 113, 539	211, 008, 539	452
Federal Security Agency	1, 740, 758, 261	1, 559, 444, 261	1, 561, 888, 761	1, 562, 885, 011	
Interior	626, 001, 800	486, 248, 253	567, 328, 164	541, 729, 854	470
District of Columbia[3]	136, 442, 100	131, 055, 000	135, 117, 089	133, 696, 875	453
Civil Functions, Army	692, 977, 800	492, 434, 900	667, 474, 699	584, 061, 600	504
State	318, 408, 010	215, 988, 382	211, 869, 847	217, 701, 424	495
Justice	189, 785, 000	184, 059, 000	184, 523, 000	184, 293, 000	
Commerce	706, 971, 499	589, 569, 499	588, 606, 305	586, 588, 586	
Judiciary	27, 657, 800	27, 306, 850	27, 548, 700	27, 398, 700	
National Defense	50, 921, 022, 770	46, 207, 177, 554	38, 403, 000, 912	46, 610, 938, 912	488
Legislative	72, 055, 542	62, 391, 780	76, 892, 461	76, 849, 392	471
Agriculture[4]	748, 415, 828	724, 003, 699	841, 494, 624	728, 611, 920	451
Supplemental, 1953[5]	13, 750, 796, 030	10, 127, 840, 780	8, 310, 724, 886	11, 793, 776, 339	547

[1] This bill also carries (not included in above total) $6,255,770,850 in permanent and indefinite appropriations, including $6,150,000,000 interest on the Federal debt; $5,999,219,656 in disbursements from FSA trust funds for old-age benefits, unemployment insurance, railroad retirement benefits, and other authorized payments.

[2] This bill also carries (not included in above total) $9,000,000 for the National Labor Relations Board; $1,130,000 for the National Mediation Board; and $3,447,500 for the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service.

[3] Above total payable from D. C. revenues; bill also carries $11,000,000 direct Federal appropriation from Treasury.

[4] This bill also carries (not included in above total) about $500,000,000 revolving fund authorizations for farm loans and price-support operations.

[5] Includes funds for Mutual Security Administration, Atomic Energy Commission and other agencies.

TABLE OF APPROPRIATIONS, EIGHTY-THIRD CONGRESS, FIRST SESSION

Title	Budget estimates	Amount as Passed (House)	Amount as Passed (Senate)	Amount as Enacted	P. L. No.
2d Supplemental, 1953	$2, 313, 769, 590	$925, 172, 920	$947, 325, 579	$943, 298, 728	11
3d Supplemental, 1953 [1]	5, 000, 000	5, 000, 000	5, 441, 875	5, 441, 875	59
Independent Offices [2]	1, 172, 441, 090	451, 020, 493	446, 913, 949	447, 364, 499	176
Interior	607, 336, 400	406, 130, 343	452, 956, 940	433, 561, 550	172
State	151, 148, 590	102, 774, 787	91, 758, 676	92, 188, 676	195
Justice	187, 150, 000	179, 265, 000	177, 975, 000	178, 880, 000	
Commerce	1, 131, 195, 925	861, 136, 925	834, 146, 706	815, 576, 925	
Treasury	665, 328, 000	611, 895, 000	611, 895, 000	611, 895, 000	73
Post Office	2, 906, 800, 000	2, 832, 250, 000	2, 832, 250, 000	2, 832, 250, 000	
Agriculture	749, 409, 342	712, 747, 828	716, 779, 768	718, 395, 398	156
Labor [3]	296, 818, 600	255, 184, 000	257, 040, 000	258, 255, 000	170
Health, Education, Welfare	1, 786, 528, 761	1, 712, 248, 461	1, 731, 674, 461	1, 738, 339, 261	
Army Civil Functions	683, 377, 100	416, 391, 600	473, 762, 900	440, 093, 600	153
National Defense	40, 719, 931, 000	34, 434, 140, 500	34, 511, 302, 000	34, 371, 541, 000	179
Legislative	72, 799, 275	54, 507, 020	70, 007, 831	70, 007, 831	178
Judiciary	26, 507, 645	26, 179, 520	26, 179, 520	26, 179, 520	
2d Independent Offices	7, 445, 758, 664	5, 284, 369, 664	5, 239, 352, 664	5, 253, 177, 664	149
District of Columbia [4]	151, 564, 975	146, 354, 739	148, 713, 350	147, 740, 693	173
Supplemental, 1954 [5]	1, 069, 996, 084	168, 155, 584	744, 975, 464	615, 989, 964	207
Mutual Security [6]	7, 614, 410, 145	4, 438, 678, 000	4, 562, 653, 811	4, 531, 507, 000	208
Emergency Farm Relief	150, 000, 000	130, 000, 000	130, 000, 000	130, 000, 000	175

[1] Also provides $7,500,000 loan authorizations for rural telephones.
[2] Does not include funds for AEC, TVA, and VA.
[3] Does not include related agencies: National Labor Relations Board, $9,125,000; National Mediation Board, $1,064,000; and Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service, $3,210,000.
[4] Payable from D. C. revenues; bill also carries $12,000,000 direct Federal appropriation from Treasury.
[5] Includes $200,000,000 for Korean reconstruction; $58,775,000 for new Small Business Administration, of which $55,000,000 is a revolving fund to finance loans.
[6] Does not include $2,121,964,390 of carry-over funds which were reappropriated.

NOTE: H. J. Res. 287, making temporary appropriations for fiscal 1954, was enacted June 30, 1953 (P. L. 91).

NOTE: Above figures do not include $8,420,408,785 permanent and indefinite appropriations estimated for fiscal 1954 to cover interest on the public debt, railroad retirement, cost of surplus commodities disposal, and other authorized payments.

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